

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

September 4, 2002

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Mayor Baines addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from the Manchester Police Athletic League seeking the placement of an advertisement in the 2002 Stovepipe College Hockey Fundraiser Event Program Guide.

Mayor Baines stated at this point in time we have transferred all of the money from civic contributions to the contingency account.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to receive and file this request.

Mayor Baines addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for the 2003 CIP 411403, South Willow FS Reroofing & Masonry Repairs Project.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) for the 2003 CIP 411403, Cohas Brook Fire Station Project.”

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to read the Resolutions by titles only and it was so done.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the Bond Resolutions ought to pass and layover.

Mayor Baines addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Resolutions:

“Amending the FY1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2002 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eighty Six Thousand Seventy One Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$86,071.33) for the CIP 811202 Architecture/Engineering Facilities Capital Planning Project.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer amount of Eighty Six Thousand Seventy One Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$86,071.33) from various CIP bond projects to the 2002 CIP 811202 Architecture/Engineering Facilities Planning Project.”

“Amending the 2002 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2002 CIP 714402 Sidewalk Improvement Program.”

“Amending the FY2003 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$9,417) for FY2003 CIP 713303 - South Willow Street Area Improvements.”

“Amending the 2003 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2003 CIP 612303 Convention and Visitors’ Bureau.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from Civic Contributions to the Henry J. Sweeney Post.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$12,210.00) from Contingency to the City Clerk Budget for the Election Workers’ Rate Increase.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000.00) from Contingency to the City Clerk Budget for the Election Expenses.”

Alderman Wihby moved to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading by titles only. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas requested a roll call vote. Alderman Gatsas voted nay. Aldermen Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest and Wihby voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderman Wihby moved that the Resolutions ought to pass and be enrolled. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Wihby stated on the Sweeney Post resolution I voted against that and I want to be recorded as opposing that one.

Alderman Garrity stated I also am opposed to that.

Alderman Gatsas stated I am voting against it. I was not available for the vote.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas and Garrity duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Osborne asked wasn't this already passed.

Mayor Baines answered no it was a phone poll so it had to be confirmed this evening.

Alderman Gatsas asked if the vote was 8-6 would we ask them for the money back.

Mayor Baines answered theoretically yes but the vote wasn't 8-6.

Mayor Baines addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

CIP Budget Authorizations:

2001	340101	Manchester Community Resource Center - Revision #1
2002	310102	Expansion of MCRC - Revision #1
2002	511402	Derryfield Park Rehabilitation Program
2002	714402	Sidewalk Improvement Program - Revision #1
2003	410503	New Hampshire Drug Task Force
2003	411003	Youth Attendant Program
2003	411403	Cohas Brook Fire Station
2003	612303	Convention & Visitors Bureau - Revision #1
2003	713303	South Willow Street Area Improvements

Alderman Pinard moved to approve the CIP budget authorizations subject to final adoption of related resolutions. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Lopez stated I approved this by a phone poll vote but I had some questions and I would like some clarification from Sam Maranto as to these funds that were allocated to buy the building. I am a little concerned...the building does belong to the City of Manchester and maybe you could give us a brief history to enlighten the rest of the Board about this building. I believe in the program they are doing over there but I think there are some agreements that we have to look at and whether we are allocating this money for another organization that sort of controls them or whether they are going to be in control or what the situation is. That is what I am concerned with.

Mr. Maranto replied the history of the MCRC is probably better relayed by Bill Jabjiniak but I can give a brief synopsis. Essentially that building was funded through...the City was designated as an Enterprise community through Health & Human Services and HUD funding and that building was constructed to the tune of approximately \$600,000. It was then leased back to MCRC's function. Southern NH Services and Catholic Charities are the entity that the City has agreements with to function in that facility. It was a multi-year agreement. I believe it comes up next summer, the lease. The City does own that facility.

Alderman Lopez stated one of the things I am interested in also and you probably won't be able to answer it tonight but I hope that you put your fingers on it. I believe that Southern NH Services is utilizing that building without paying the cost for the operation of that building.

Mr. Maranto replied that is correct presently.

Alderman Lopez stated I also understand that an organization is using that building for 32 weeks without paying any cost...well I take that back, they are paying \$1,200/year and taking up space over there so the people who want to expand at MCRC...if these people weren't there they could utilize that space. I am wondering if we are really on top of this entire program over there as to who is in charge because I noticed in talking to the Director over there, that there are six board of directors who actually work for Southern NH Services. They are a controlling factor and MCRC is a separate 5013C as a controlling factor. I hope that we take a good look at this because we are putting a lot of money - \$95,000 that we allocated to buy the building next to them, which is out of sight right now and now we want to renovate the basement as to who is actually going to get this space. Those are the things that I hope staff will take control of. In reality, we spend a lot of money for that particular program and we bought a lot of

equipment...I think we have an inventory of equipment. I know that the Director is here tonight. I notice that they are putting by-laws together and I hope that your office, Mayor, will be part of it because from reading the by-laws everything goes back to Southern NH Services and I don't think that is proper because that building does belong to the City of Manchester and we paid for a lot of the equipment in that building. I hope that you would get with the responsible people and stay on top of this.

Mr. Maranto stated I recently met with Reni relative to that very issue vis a vie her relationship with Southern NH Services and we will be looking at the agreement. She has asked for my assistance and we will be looking at the make-up of the Board. Right now there are 14 members and as you indicated there are six members from Southern NH Services on that right now. I believe also the Mayor has an opportunity to elect two members to that Board, which will be coming up.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on approving the CIP budget authorizations subject to final adoption of related resolutions. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

TABLED ITEM

7. Copy of a communication from Sgt. Lloyd Doughty, President of the NH D.A.R.E. Officers Assoc., seeking support for the program by sponsoring an ad in the Souvenir Program Book which will be distributed to those in attendance at the Benefit Flag football game to be held on Saturday, September 21st at 7 PM at Singer Park.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to receive and file.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk